THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Government had considered restructuring and reorganization of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) through modernization and rationalization in different spheres of its activities so that it becomes more result oriented. DDA has initiated action for improvement in the working of its various Departments. Several short term and long term measures have been initiated by DDA to train and rationalize its work force, introduce computerization and e-governance to improve the working and to make it more responsive to the public.

Financial assistance to small entrepreneurs

878. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any scheme for assisting small entrepreneurs including hawkers, rickshaw pullers etc. with loans and other financial assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its *modus operandi* to ensure that the assistance reaches those for whom it is meant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Central Government has recently initiated the process of formulation of a policy for the hawkers and street vendors so as to mitigate their sufferings. In this context, a Task Force on street vendors constituted under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation with a view to finalising broad guidelines on street vendors and hawkers for regulation of street vending has already started functioning. However, such hawkers, rickshaw pullers, etc. who are classified as urban poor can avail of assistance under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally sponsored scheme implemented by this Ministry through State Governments.

Infrastructure industry status to residential areas, highways etc.

†879. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government contemplate according infrastructure industry status to residential areas, highways, link road connecting settlements and urban services with a view to accelerating economic activities; and

(b) if so, the criteria and procedure fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Area included/identified under NCR

880. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many kilometres area from NCT Delhi has been included/identified as the area of NCR;

(b) whether the citizens of NCR are to be provided the same facilities being provided in NCT;

(c) whether the agriculturists/transporters and two and three wheelers shall be provided the facilities of CNG on the petrol pumps in the area of NCR;

(d) whether Government are pressing the agriculturists of NCR area to pay more for such clean HSD as the other diesel is not being made available; and

(e) if so, the reasons for discrimination and the steps being taken to compensate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The National Capital Region (NCR) covers a total area of 30,242 sq.km., comprising the (i) National Capital Territory of Delhi (1,483 sq.km.), (ii) parts of Haryana sub-region comprising Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Sonepat, Panipat, Jhajjar and Rewari districts (13,413 sq.km.), (iii) parts of Uttar Pradesh sub-region comprising Bulandshahr, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Gautambudh Nagar and Baghpat district (10,853 sq.km.) and (iv) Rajasthan sub-region comprising tehsils of Alwar, Behror, Ramgarh, Mandawar, Kishangarh Bas, Tijara and Kotkasim of district Alwar (4,493 sq.km.).

The NCR extends about 65 kms. towards north near Panipat (Haryana), 80 kms. in the east near Garmukteswar (U.P.), 150 kms. in the south near Alwar (Rajasthan) and 60 kms. in the west near Jhajjar (Haryana).